

(1) to (3) as the protein of (i) and has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 in which one or more amino acids are replaced with different amino acids, one or more amino acids are added to the N- or C-terminus of SEQ ID NO:2, or one or more amino acids at the N- or C-terminus of SEQ ID NO:2 are deleted:

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(1) Molecular weight

$19,000 \pm 5,000$ daltons on gel filtration and sodium dodecylsulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE);

(2) Isoelectric point (pI)

4.8 ± 1.0 on chromatofocusing;

(3) Biological activity

Inducing the interferon- γ production by immunocompetent cells; and

(4) Partial amino acid sequence

Possessing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein Xaa is Met or Thr.